



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 824

LCO No. 2761



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
(LAB)

***AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE
FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 31-294i of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

3 For the purpose of adjudication of claims for payment of benefits
4 under the provisions of this chapter to a uniformed member of a paid
5 municipal fire department or a regular member of a paid municipal
6 police department or constable who began such employment on or
7 after July 1, 1996, any condition or impairment of health caused by a
8 cardiac emergency occurring to such member on or after July 1, 2009,
9 while such member is in training for or engaged in fire duty at the site
10 of an accident or fire, or other public safety operation within the scope
11 of such member's employment for such member's municipal employer,
12 or up to seventy-two hours after completion of such training or duty,
13 that results in death or temporary or permanent total or partial
14 disability, shall be presumed to have been suffered in the line of duty

15 and within the scope of such member's employment, unless the
16 contrary is shown by a preponderance of the evidence, provided such
17 member successfully passed a physical examination on entry into
18 service conducted by a licensed physician designated by such
19 department which examination failed to reveal any evidence of such
20 condition. For the purposes of this section, "cardiac emergency" means
21 cardiac arrest or myocardial infarction, and "constable" means any
22 municipal law enforcement officer who is authorized to make arrests
23 and has completed Police Officer Standards and Training Council
24 certification pursuant to section 7-294a.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2013	31-294i
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Statement of Purpose:

To extend workers' compensation benefits to firefighters and police officers who suffer a cardiac emergency resulting in death or temporary or permanent total or partial disability within seventy-two hours of engaging in certain public safety operations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]